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WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Woodcrest Library

16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504

MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Chair Sonya Alemdar called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM & Pledge of Allegiance

1.0: Roll Call:

- Present: Sonya Alemdar (chair), Bruce Rogers (vice chair), George Perez (secretary) Michael Osmon, and Marc McClain
- Absent: Larry Rubio

2.0: Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2023; Motion to approve by Michael Osmon, 2nd by Marc McClain
Ayes: Alemdar, Osmon, Perez, McClain. Abstain: Rubio

3.0 Community Updates (Invited):

3.1: Congressman Calvert's staff: Jett Benavides

- On April 26 the congressman voted with the majority of the House of Representatives to approve the limit saving HR 2811. The legislation would lift the debt ceiling in the next year and would limit spending, saving taxpayer dollars and helping to grow the economy again. Handouts discussing this bill were made available.
- The congressman also introduced the Secure Americans from Financial Exploitation Act also knows a state HR 3041 which protects responsible home buyers from higher unfair fees on their mortgages.
- The congressman will be attending the Prado Dam bicentennial mural repainting ribbon cutting ceremony on June 2nd.

3.2: Senator Seyarto staff update: Representative from Seyarto's office

- They have a new office in Corona.
- There will be a Veterans Expo November 2 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Murrieta, more information is available on the website.
- Moving the following bills to the legislation:
SB19, Fentanyl task force addresses Fentanyl, currently placed on the suspense file
SB67, Tracks Fentanyl overdoses by location, currently placed on the suspense file
SB73, Veterans preference for hiring, currently placed on the suspense file
State constitutional amendment to repeal death tax, failed 3-4

3.3: Assemblymember Essayli staff update: Casey Deaver

- May 16 School Safety Town Hall, RUSD board members refusing to attend
- Several Fentanyl bills had been introduced but were not voted on so Assembly member tried to get these bills voted on the floor and it was voted against being brought on the floor.
- AB595 requires up to 72 hour notice before euthanasia of animals
- May 22 they had an adoption event and 75 pets were adopted

3.4: Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Representative from Sheriff's office

- With new station having been opened, response times have been cut in half, some as much as 75%.
- Due to computer issues, crime statistics for March and April have been manually tallied.
- March had approximately 265 calls for service with 20 arrests.
- April had 289 calls for service with 12 arrests.
- Social media for Lake Matthews Station is up on Facebook and Instagram.

3.5: Riverside County/Cal Fire:

- Local station ran 2 vegetation fires, 5 structure fires, and 31 other fires. They completed 175 medical aids, 1 hazmat call, 1 and 12 public assist for a total of 226 calls for service.
- For weed concerns, hazard reduction number is 951-943-0640.

3.6 Code Enforcement: Jamison Cole

- 142 Open cases in the Woodcrest area

3.7 California Highway Patrol: Commander Steve:

- Over the last month they had 63 citations and a few DUI's.
- They have been removing several stolen/abandoned vehicles
- Commercial division inspected 15 vehicles and 2 were pulled from service.
- Smart Class for new drivers is scheduled for May 24th from 5pm to 7pm. It is a free class going over driving and making correct decisions.
- Bike Rodeo is scheduled for June 3rd at Hunt Park in Riverside from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Woodcrest bikes is supporting the event with 20 bikes to be given away.

3.8 Riverside County Emergency Management Department: Eric

- Matt Jones is retiring, Adrian Cardenas will be replacing Matt as Emergency Service Coordinator, District 2.
- County submitted Emergency Plan, and this was approved by the state. The next step is to get it approved by FEMA.
- Priscilla Galvan advised residents to take the 10-question survey to offer input for disaster preparedness.

3.9 Western Municipal Water District: Gracie Torres

- We are moved from Level 2 to Level 1 water restrictions.
- Secured at most 20 million dollars to purchase water to address water needs.
- Open house May 20th

3.10 Woodcrest Library: Connie Rynning

- Summer Reading Program online is 6 weeks and starts June 12 to July 21st, ages 2 to 100.
- Continue Senior Fitness Program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays ages 50+
- Looking for volunteers for Garden Projects
- Lunch at the Library from May 30th to August 4th, Monday-Friday

3.11 Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Office: Melania Castellanos

- Library Park is getting finalized plan, quotes this month and finalized next year.
- Town Hall for Woodcrest is June 22nd from 6 to 8 at Woodcrest Elementary School.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Western Municipal Water District: Sylva Ornelas

- Addressing issue concerns about water around Wood and Market from last meeting, this was caused by all the rain there was no leak at the station.
- Question was asked if there was a resolution with United States Department of Reclamation regarding Colorado River. 7 states need to come up with a plan to reduce water. 6 states worked together and submitted a joint plan and California submitted its own plan. This was rejected, issue still on going.
- Agency has moved from 100% imported water to 68% over the last 10 years through infrastructure investments.
- SB366 passed unanimously in April. This will have the state create conservation measures and infrastructure to capture all the water.
- Water Works Wonders event with all kinds of activities for the kids.
- Water pipe replacement on May 15th at Sunridge and Kramaria should take about 6 weeks.
- Water pipe replacement at Dallas Ave and Riverside Ave. No date set.
- Water pipe replacement at Western Drive between Barton and Trautwein. no date set.

4.2 PPW21011- Smartlink (AT&T) installation of new cell tower: Tyne Allaman

- Redesign of cell tower presentation changing to a water tank with possible Woodcrest logo.
- This tower will have special link for first responders in an emergency.
- Location is behind Farmer Boy off of Washington and Van Buren.

4.3 MAC Board Nominations:

- Bruce Rogers nominated as Chairperson.
- George Perez nominated as Vice Chairperson.
- Michael Osmon nominated as Secretary.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Mike D??? Concern with County and City about new housing construction on Mariposa. They are not making the new developer lower the street as originally presented.
- Steven Nguyen representative from Riverside County Assessor office introduced himself and let us know they have 6 offices and a website available to support the community.

6.0 Woodcrest MAC Board Member Comments:

- Marc McLain asked about the representative from So Cal Gas attending a MAC meeting as they did not appear at the previous meeting as scheduled.
- Bruce Rogers recapped several changes that have taken place because of community input.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.